

REMARKS

The Examiner has issued a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment because previously withdrawn claims 165, 166 and 168-172 do not have proper status identifiers. The Examiner has also indicated that “[c]laim 159 does not indicate each change made therein via proper marking(s). For Example, the limitation ‘is’ has been deleted from the claim compared to the immediate previous version of the claim.”

Applicants hereby re-submit claim amendments in which the status of claims 165, 166 and 168-172 is properly identified as “withdrawn, previously presented” and in which claim 159 includes the properly marked limitation “is”.

To reiterate, after the amendments presented herein have been entered, claims 126-127, 131, 144, 149, 150, 157, 159-161 and 163-172 will be pending. Claims 126, 160, 161, 163 and 164 have been amended to correct grammatical and typographical errors and to clarify the invention. Claim 159 has been amended to correct claim dependency. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been introduced by the foregoing amendments.

Amendment and/or cancellation of the claims is not to be construed as acquiescence to any of the objections/rejections set forth in the instant Office Action or any previous Office Action of the parent application, and was done solely to expedite prosecution of the application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the claims, as originally filed or similar claims in this or one or more subsequent patent applications.

CONCLUSION

If a telephone conversation with Applicants' Attorney would expedite the prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is urged to call the undersigned at (617) 449-6500.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 50-4876, under Order No. 118160-00301.

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Respectfully submitted,

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